

2006 FAA New England Region Annual Conference  
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**General Sessions**

<b>October 24 1:30 – 2:30</b>	<p><b><u>General Session 1: Regional and Washington Updates</u></b></p> <p>In our first general session, we will hear the latest news updates from the New England Region and from our Washington Headquarters. Learn first-hand the concerns, issues, and challenges facing our region and airports nationally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Amy Lind Corbett, Regional Administrator, FAA New England Region</i></li><li>• <i>Rusty Chapman, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, FAA Airports Division</i></li></ul>
<b>October 25 12:00 – 1:30</b>	<p><b><u>General Session II: NERASP and Ask the Manager</u></b></p> <p>To conclude our Conference, our second general session will present the findings of the innovative New England Regional Airport System Plan. This study took a regional perspective in the assessment of future air carrier activity in the region, and is the first step in a comprehensive regional planning approach for New England. We will follow this presentation with an Ask the Manager session, featuring the new Airport Division management staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>LaVerne Reid, Airports Division Manager</i></li><li>• <i>Michel Hovan, Branch Manager of Engineering and Safety</i></li><li>• <i>Bryon Rakoff, Branch Manager of Planning and Programming</i></li></ul>
<b>October 24 12:30 – 1:00</b>	<p><b><u>Luncheon Speaker: Terrafugia</u></b></p> <p>Terrafugia, which is derived from the Latin for “escape from the earth,” is a new aircraft company recently established by graduates of MIT in 2006. Their goal is to realize a decades-old dream: an affordable, practical personal air vehicle. How will they do it? What would such a vehicle look like? When can you buy one? Come to our conference and find out!</p>

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**Technical Sessions**

<b>October 24 3:00 – 4:00 Concurrent Workshops I</b>	<p><b><u>Advisory Circular Update</u></b></p> <p>The FAA is updating its Advisory Circulars (AC's), including the Airport Design and Terminal Planning AC's. In this session, we will review the highlights of recent AC updates (including the Master Plan AC), and review FAA's overall plan for updating these documents.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Cliff Vacirca, Airport Engineer, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ken Jacobs, Airport Engineering Branch, FAA Washington</i></li></ul>
<b>October 25 8:00 – 9:30 Concurrent Workshops II</b>	<p><b><u>Airport Certification Process 101</u></b></p> <p>Part 139 inspections and certification are a focus point for management and operations staff at certificated airports. In this session, our experts will review the latest changes to Part 139, and discuss what you can do to insure a smooth certification process.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Laurie Suttmeier, Chief Certification Inspector, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Laurie Suttmeier, FAA</i></li><li>• <i>Bruce Landry, Airport Safety and Operations Branch, FAA Washington</i></li></ul>
<b>October 25 10:00 – 11:30 Concurrent Workshops III</b>	<p><b><u>Airport Compliance Issues</u></b></p> <p>The purchase or release of airport land obtained with federal funding, regulatory obligations relative to airport leases, rates and charges, and minimum standards are all compliance issues. In this session we will discuss these issues, with a special focus on land acquisitions related to noise abatement.</p> <p><i>Moderator and Speaker: Donna Witte, Airports Compliance Specialist, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Donna Witte, FAA</i></li><li>• <i>Nancy Williams, National Resource Expert for Policy &amp; Legislation, FAA Washington</i></li></ul>

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<p><b>October 24</b> <b>3:00 – 4:00</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops I</b></p>	<p><b><u>Airport Grants from A to Z</u></b></p> <p>How does the AIP process work? When do I need to submit applications? How can I insure that my grants get processed quickly? Learn all you ever wanted to know about Airport Grants and the AIP process, from our resident experts.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Bryon Rakoff, Branch Manager of Planning and Programming, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lisa Lesperance, AIP Program Manager, FAA New England Region,</i></li> <li>• <i>Jean LoGuidice, FAA New England Region</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 25</b> <b>8:00 – 9:30</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops II</b></p>	<p><b><u>Alternative Approaches to Airport Noise</u></b></p> <p>Airport noise and its impacts on the community remains one of our most significant environmental challenges. We need to look beyond the traditional, “cookie-cutter” approaches and seek innovative solutions, particularly for smaller airports. Our speakers will share with you their success stories to help you address this issue.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Robert Miller, Harris Miller Miller and Hanson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jack Wheeler, Nantucket Municipal Airport</i></li> <li>• <i>Lisa Leblanc-Hutchins, Director of Operations, Naples Airport Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>Renee Johns Alter, Megadata</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 24</b> <b>3:00 – 4:00</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops I</b></p>	<p><b><u>ATO Update: Who’s Who?</u></b></p> <p>The FAA’s Air Traffic Organization is undergoing major changes. Who does what? Where are they located? Who do I contact? What does the future hold? Come to this session and learn about where ATO is and where it is going, and how it might impact you.</p> <p><i>Moderator: LaVerne Reid, Airports Division Manager, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Judy Nauman, ATO Liaison, New England Region</i></li> <li>• <i>Felix Enriquez, Manager, ATO Eastern Service Area</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>October 25</b> <b>10:00 – 11:30</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops III</b></p>	<p><b><u>How to Market your Airport</u></b></p> <p>This panel session will be covering various perspectives on airport marketing. We will see how airports of different sizes - including large commercial service, regional, and general aviation airports - successfully market their facilities to the traveling public and the aviation industry.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Steve Baldwin, Director of Aviation Services, The Louis Berger Group, Albany NY</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kiran Jain, Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT</i></li> <li>• <i>Patti Goldstein, Rhode Island Airport Corporation</i></li> <li>• <i>Chris Willenborg, Airport Manager, Westfield-Barnes Memorial Airport</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 25</b> <b>8:00 – 9:30</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops II</b></p>	<p><b><u>How to Survive in Times of Financial Turbulence</u></b></p> <p>In these days of rising fuel prices, ongoing troubles with the airline industry, and overall uncertainties about the future, how can an airport operator survive – or even thrive? Hear how some airports are managing these turbulent times and looking at innovative ways to increase airport revenues and improve the bottom line.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Priscilla Scott, Manager for ACIP and PFC programs, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Betsey Taylor, Boston-Logan International Airport</i></li> <li>• <i>Rick Lamport, Airport Manager, Tweed - New Haven Airport (invited)</i></li> <li>• <i>Tom Maher, Manager, Plymouth Municipal Airport</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>October 24</b> <b>3:00 – 4:00</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops I</b></p>	<p><b><u>Putting Planning and Environmental Analysis Together</u></b></p> <p>The transition from a Master Plan to an Environmental Assessment or EIS can be difficult. We will present ways to improve the environmental portions of the master planning process, and how to conduct a better NEPA analysis in an EA or EIS.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Richard Doucette, Environmental Specialist, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Patrick Sullivan, Airport Planning and Environmental Branch, FAA Washington</i></li> <li>• <i>Judith Lee, Environmental Planning Strategies, Inc.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 25</b> <b>10:00 – 11:30</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops III</b></p>	<p><b><u>Upcoming Technologies</u></b></p> <p>There are a number of promising technologies that have the potential to increase airport safety. Some of these are already being field tested at some large commercial airports. In this session, the use of radar to improve safety in the airport environment will be introduced and on-going experiments at airports will be presented.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Michel Hovan, Branch Manager of Engineering and Safety, FAA New England Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Michel Hovan, FAA</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Ed Herricks, University of Illinois</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>October 25</b> <b>8:00 – 9:30</b> <b>Concurrent</b> <b>Workshops II</b></p>	<p><b><u>Your Friends In The Media: Working With The Local Press</u></b></p> <p>Too many of us in the industry look upon reporters and the press as an adversary. The fact is that, with some effort and understanding, the media can be your friend. Learn from local experts on how to effectively work with local reporters and get the positive message of aviation – and your airport - out to the public.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jim Peters, Public Affairs, FAA New England Region Liaison</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jim Peters, FAA</i></li> <li>• <i>Dave Dineen, Airport Manager, Mansfield Airport</i></li> <li>• <i>Terry Date, Lawrence Eagle-Tribune</i></li> <li>• <i>Mack Daniel, Boston Globe</i></li> </ul>